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In the Japanese Action dated September 2, 2003, claims were rejected as follows;

List of References:

1. Japanese Utility Model No. 3041602
2. Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 61-4578
3. Japanese Utility Model No. 3093942
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-321049
5. Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 6-81275
6. Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 52-14190
7. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-94353

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected by the reference 1.

Claim 3 was rejected by the references 1, 2 and 3.

Claim 4 was rejected by the reference 1.

Claim 5 was rejected by the reference 1.

Claim 6 was rejected by the references 1 and 4.

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected by the reference 1.

Claim 9 was rejected by the reference 1.

Claim 10 was rejected by the reference 1.

Claim 11 was rejected by the reference 5.

Claim 12 was rejected by the references 1 and 6.

Claim 13 was rejected by the references 1 and 7.

Claim 14 was rejected by the reference 1.